

April 26, 2013

The Honorable Jim Frazier, Chair Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3091 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian, Vice Chair Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 4098 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Members Frazier and Achadjian:

The High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) would like to express its support for AB 481 (Lowenthal), as amended April 1, 2013, which would enable the Authority to effectively manage property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

Specifically, AB 481 would allow the Authority to negotiate with impacted landowners for continued access, exchange property between adjoining landowners to help mitigate impacts to existing uses, sell excess property no longer required for the project, and lease property to interested parties as a means of creating additional revenue sources for the project. The Authority can better plan for the project's short and long-term needs by exclusively managing access to property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at <a href="matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov">matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov</a> or (916) 324-1541.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem, California State Senate

Attention: Arwen Chenery, Consultant

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Attention: Erica Martinez, Consultant

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